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WASHINGTON



# THE SUDDUTH PEAR.

*Augustine & Co.*

# Augustine & Co.

Established in 1867

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

Telephone with Bloomington Exchange.

## ....NURSERYMEN

WE AIM TO GROW  
AND HANDLE  
EVERY VARIETY OF TREE, VINE  
PLANT AND SHRUB  
OF VALUE

**NORMAL, ILLINOIS**

<i>Apples</i>	<i>Apricots</i>	<i>Raspberries</i>	<i>Rhubarb</i>
<i>Pears</i>	<i>Quinces</i>	<i>Gooseberries</i>	<i>Roses</i>
<i>Plums</i>	<i>Mulberries</i>	<i>Currants</i>	<i>Evergreens</i>
<i>Peaches</i>	<i>Grapevines</i>	<i>Strawberries</i>	<i>Hydrangea</i>
<i>Cherries</i>	<i>Blackberries</i>	<i>Asparagus</i>	<i>Clematis</i>

VINES AND FLOWERING SHRUBS IN LARGE ASSORTMENT

HEDGE PLANTS, AND

A COMPLETE LINE OF FOREST AND ORNAMENTAL TREES OF ALL SIZES



For a number of years we have devoted much time and attention to bringing out and testing new fruits. We were the first to propagate the Lincoln Pear commercially, some nine years ago. The prominent place it has taken in horticulture is very encouraging to us. We have exceptional advantages for this line of work, and are always glad to hear from parties interested in horticulture, whether they wish to buy stock or not.



*Our semi-annual price-list, published in January and July of each year, mailed free on application.*

**AUGUSTINE & CO., Normal, Illinois.**

Office on Bloomington & Normal Electric Street Railway.

# TO THE PUBLIC.

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**I**N BRINGING this new Pear, "The Sudduth," before the public, we claim, without any hesitancy whatever, that, all things considered, it is the most worthy new fruit ever introduced. Although it is comparatively a new fruit to the public, it has a record of seventy-five years, and has been subjected to nearly every test that could be given a Pear. It has not only withstood these tests, but in every instance has far exceeded our most sanguine expectations.

We shall not attempt to go into detail in this introduction, but ask you to read the statements of those who are even better acquainted with its various characteristics than we are. It frequently occurs that an original seedling does well, while its progeny is a failure. In this instance, we have grafted trees ranging as follows: Fifty-eight years, fifty-two years, forty-six years, thirty years, and six years of age—the latter coming into bearing when only four years from the graft, being transplanted from the nursery in the meantime, while the old tree, seventy-five years old, though all broken and crippled by the weight of the enormous loads of fruit it has borne, is still in a perfectly healthy condition, the same as all the younger trees.

In reading the following testimonials, we desire to call your attention especially to a few facts concerning the Sudduth Pear that apply to both original and younger trees.

It is an annual bearer, absolutely free from blight or disease.

After the most careful and thorough investigation we have failed to find a single instance in which any of the trees, after reaching bearing size, have ever failed a crop. We have made a very careful examination to ascertain whether or not the trees show any signs of blight or disease, and in no instance has anything of that nature been discovered by us or any of those who have been familiar with the trees for more than fifty years.

The trees attain remarkable size and age, hardiness and thrifty growth.  
The grafted trees being identical in character and habits with the parent tree.

An almost unprecedented yield of fruit.

Early bearing.

Excellent quality of fruit for both dessert and canning.

Seedless, and almost coreless.

Uniformity in size and shape.

Freedom of fruit from attack of insects.

And last, but not least, the testimonials we publish are from men who have not only had the opportunity, and are thoroughly well posted as to what they say, but are men of prominence and unquestionable standing in their various fields of labor; and in publishing these testimonials, we have been at some loss to know just which ones to use. We have endeavored, as much as possible, to select those which covered the case sufficiently, and yet avoid repetition.

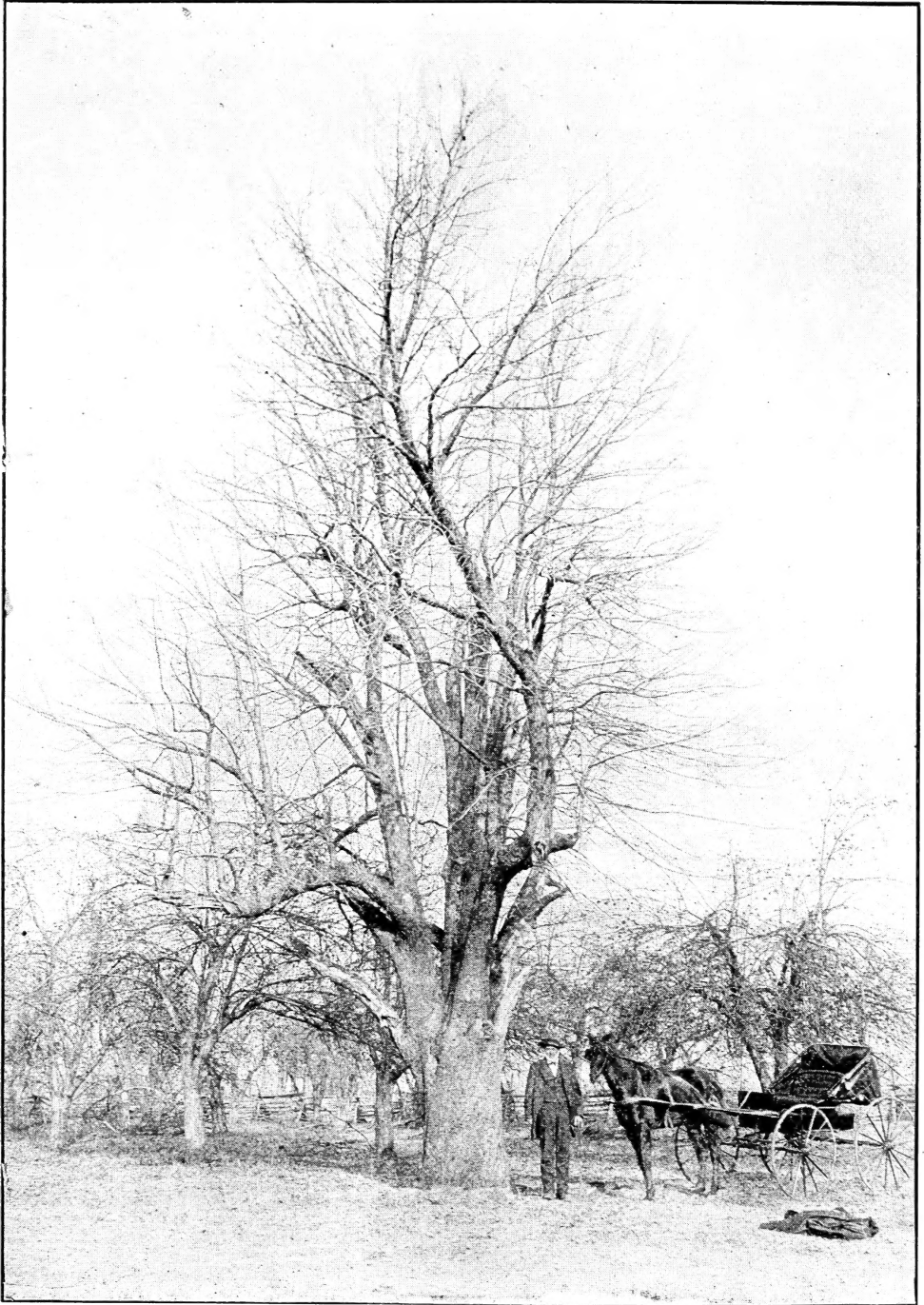
We control all the wood of the Sudduth Pear, and have decided, after careful consideration, to keep the propagation and sale of trees entirely in our own hands, and to this end have protected ourselves, both by copyright and registered trade mark which have been granted us by the United States patent office, and every Sudduth Pear Tree we send out will bear our seal. We do this mainly for the protection of our customers. So much disappointment and fraudulent work has been brought to our notice by the dealings of unscrupulous tree men through substitution, etc., that we are determined nothing of the kind shall deter the success of the Sudduth Pear.

The interest manifested in the Sudduth Pear by the friends of horticulture has been so marked, that we have much pleasure in sending forth this pamphlet on its mission, feeling confident that we are offering something which fills a long felt want; something that all persons interested in improved horticulture desire.

Sincerely yours,

**AUGUSTINE & CO.**

*Wholesale and Retail Nurserymen, Normal, Ill.*



**THE ORIGINAL SUDDUTH PEAR TREE—Near Springfield, Ill.**

55 feet high, 75 years old, over 10 feet in circumference.

As can be seen from the above cut, the photograph being taken with that aim in view, most of the larger branches and the main stem are broken off by the weight of enormous loads of fruit the tree has borne, yet the tree stands today in a perfectly healthy condition, a landmark for all the surrounding country. The apple trees growing alongside the old tree are Rawle's Janet, 40 years old.



THE ABOVE TRADE-MARK IS OUR SEAL, AND WILL BE PLACED  
ON EVERY SUDDUTH PEAR TREE WE SEND OUT.

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### CAUTION.

We have the exclusive right to propagate and sell the Sudduth Pear. We own or control all the wood of the Sudduth Pear, and are protected by copyright and registered trade-mark No. 26,311, granted by the United States Patent Office, March 26, 1895.

*To be genuine, your trees must bear our seal.*

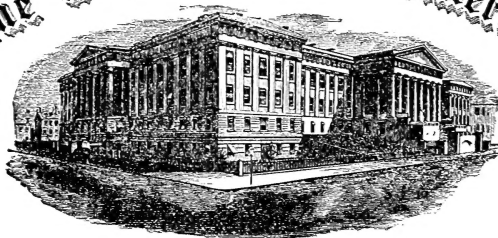
**AUGUSTINE & Co.**

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL  
NURSERYMEN.

NORMAL, ILLINOIS.



# The United States of America



To all to whom these presents shall come:

This is to Certify That by the records of the UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE it appears that Augustine H. Co.  
of Normal, Illinois.  
 did, on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February  
1895, deposit in said Office for REGISTRATION fac-similes of a certain

## TRADE-MARK

for Bar-Shies  
 and the date of the receipt thereof was duly noted and recorded; that on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1895, they deposited therewith a statement, and a written declaration under the oath of Henry Augustine, as members of said firm, copies of all of which are hereto annexed; and the said firm, having made the payment of a fee of TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS, and complied with the regulations in such cases prescribed by the COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS, and in all other respects complied with an Act of Congress approved March 3, 1881, entitled "An Act to authorize the Registration of Trade-Marks and protect the same," the said fac-similes, statement, and declaration were duly recorded, and the said TRADE-MARK has been duly registered in the said PATENT OFFICE this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and protection therefor will remain in force for THIRTY YEARS from said date unless sooner terminated in accordance with Section 5 of said Act

In testimony whereof the seal of the Department of the Interior is hereto affixed this twenty-sixth day of March, 1895, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and nineteenth

Given under my hand, at Washington, D. C.

*Wm. K. Brewer*  
 Commissioner of Patents.

## NOTICE.

Herewith we furnish two order blanks in form of contract, and more will be sent upon application.

We own or control all the wood of the Sudduth Pear, and positively will not sell or dispose of any of the trees nor wood under any consideration whatever other than that contained in contract.

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## PRICES.

For the fall of 1895 and spring of 1896, we have only a limited number of trees to offer. Can furnish either one year from grafts or buds, or trees top worked on other good hardy varieties.

	EACH.
One year from graft.....	\$2.00
One year from bud .....	2.00
Top worked, 5 to 6 feet.....	2.00
Top worked, 4 to 5 feet.....	2.00

No charge for packing.

# Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.

## ORDER BLANK AND CONTRACT.

GENTLEMEN—Please book my order for Sudduth Pear Trees, the same to be received and accepted by me in \_\_\_\_\_ 189\_\_\_\_, subject to the following conditions:

**In Consideration** of the filling of this order, I hereby agree not to sell trees of the Sudduth Pear, nor propagate, or permit same to be propagated, from stock enumerated below, without a permit signed and sealed by Augustine & Co.

**And I Further Agree** not to propagate or sell trees of the Sudduth Pear under any other name to avoid this contract.

(If the grade specified below be exhausted when this order is received, fill my order with grade nearest to that called for, which you have in stock.)

No. of Trees.	Size.	Note carefully grade, instructions, etc.	Dollars.	Cents.

Enclosed, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Ship by (freight express) \_\_\_\_\_ P. O. \_\_\_\_\_

Ship to (R. R. Station) \_\_\_\_\_ Co. \_\_\_\_\_

N.B.—LOCAL CHECKS NOT ACCEPTED AT PAR. State \_\_\_\_\_

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## SHERMAN, ILLINOIS.

*Augustine & Co., Normal Ill.:*

DEAR SIRs.—I first knew this wonderful pear tree in 1835, the seed of which was brought from Xenia, Ohio, and planted in 1820 by Mr. Thomas Constant, who entered the land from the government. Later on, about 1845, the size of tree, its heavy bearing quality, as well as the superior quality of the fruit, attracted so much attention among the old settlers that I observed it more carefully, and in 1862 I bought the farm on which the tree now stands from Judge Logan, of Springfield, Abraham Lincoln's first law partner.

I am confident that for the last forty years, the tree has never failed a single year to bear a crop of pears and to the best of my judgment, it has borne 80 bushels of pears in a season, and during the last forty years, I have annually eaten pears from the tree and myself and employes regard them as a very delicious fruit. I have never seen any wormy pears nor a blighted leaf on the old tree nor any of the trees grafted from it. I regard it as a more hardy and more prolific bearer than the natural wild crab-apple.

In addition to its good qualities as a dessert fruit, the pear is much sought after for canning and preserving, and when sold by my tenants has always brought the highest market price wherever known.

I would estimate the height of the tree before the top was broken by heavy loads of fruit, to have been over 55 feet, the trunk measuring over 10 feet in circumference. I have also a number of young trees propagated by Augustine & Co., of Normal, Ill., which are six years from graft, and three years after setting out in the orchard, they fruited.

I have also observed the five trees which were grafted more than fifty years ago from the old tree by Mr. Yocom, and find in them the same characteristics which the old tree possesses, *i.e.*, long life, hardiness, productiveness, annual bearers, vigorous growth, etc.

During these years other varieties of pear, Bartlett, Flemish Beauty, Duchess, Seckel, etc., have been planted in the vicinity and one generation of them after another have passed away, but the old tree still stands as a land-mark of much interest, especially to the old settlers.

Sincerely yours,

TITUS SUDDUTH.

## WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

*Messrs. Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—I have lived within a few miles of the old Judge Logan (Sudduth) farm for forty-two years, and have been familiar with the famous Sudduth pear tree all these years, and know it as a constant annual and a very abundant bearer. I have two trees growing on my farm grafted from the old Sudduth pear tree, which are fifty-two years old; I have known them since 1852, and in all these years they have never failed to bear each season, but like the parent tree they have borne abundantly every year. The trees are badly broken by heavy loads of fruit, and yet they bear annually about twenty-five bushels each. During the years I have lived on the farm,

Tree planted from seed in 1820.

Became famous in 1845.

Hasn't failed to bear in forty years.

Bore 80 bus. in a season. No wormy fruit.

Over 55 feet high, 10 feet in circumference.

Bore in 3 years after setting out.

Has outlived all other varieties.

Known original tree for 42 years.

Two grafted trees 52 y'rs old, never failed to bear abundantly.

people came from far and near to get the pears, and what we did not give away we could sell at the highest price paid for pears. We always considered it in our family as very choice fruit, better than any we could buy in the market. Other varieties of pears were always considered a failure in our section. I am also familiar with the five trees on J. W. Yocom's farm, grafted from the same tree, of about the same age as those of mine, and can say that they have, in every respect, the same characteristics as are found in the old tree, and also in mine. All the trees named are, and have been, free from blight and other diseases all these years.

The trees are regarded by me, and the people here generally, as having more good points than any other fruit we have ever known.

Respectfully yours,

IRA KNIGHTS.

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

Free from blight and other disease.

I fully agree with the above statement made by my husband, Ira Knights. I have lived on the farm above named from my childhood, and have known the trees from the time they were grafted by M. W. Ellis and planted by I. B. Stewart, my brother. I also know the other trees named by my husband, and can say, their good record dates back as far as I can remember, to 1840.

MRS. TROXANA S. KNIGHTS.

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

Have known old tree sixty years.

GENTLEMEN:—I have lived in the vicinity of the old Judge Logan farm since 1835, on which the old Sudduth pear tree stands, and have known the old tree since 1835, and it was then a good sized bearing tree.

The two trees now growing on my farm were grafted by me thirty years ago from cions cut from the old Sudduth tree, and they have borne every year since they first came into bearing, never failing a single crop and usually bearing very heavily. The trees on my brother's farm, where J. W. Yocom lives, were grafted by my father sixty-four years ago.

I have been interested in fruit growing in this state and also in the state of Kentucky, but I regard this as the best pear I know of, and certainly the trees are the most vigorous, hardy, and long lived pear trees I ever knew.

Very truly yours,

STEPHEN YOCOM.

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

DEAR SIR:—I bought my farm of Stephen Yocom in 1860. Previous to this, Stephen Yocom's father had grafted two trees of the Sudduth pear, which at the time I bought the place had been in bearing some four years. Both trees have borne pears every year since without a single failure, and frequently bear from thirty to forty bushels each in a season, until about two years since, a heavy storm destroyed one of the trees.

Most vigorous, hardy, and long lived.

Grafted trees bear 30 to 40 bus. a year.

The other is vigorous and healthy. I regard it as the best pear for eating, as a desert fruit, and for canning and preserving, I have ever seen. It is free from blight, etc.

Sincerely yours,  
JOHN R. JONES.

Best pear for eating, canning, and preserving.

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

Messrs. Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:

GENTLEMEN:—I do hereby certify that while I was on the Thomas Constant farm, now owned by Titus Sudduth, located three and a half miles west of Williamsville, Ill., there was produced from the old pear tree on the farm an average of sixty bushels each year for the four years I lived there, 1872, 1873, 1874, and 1875. I consider them the best pear raised, both for eating and preserving.

During the four years I was on the farm, Mr. Walter Lawrence offered me \$1 each for all the seeds I would furnish him which would grow. I ate five bushels of the fruit and never found a seed; in fact, never saw a seed in any of the pears off this tree.

60 bus. each year for four years.

R. E. GENTRY.

[SEAL.] Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of January, 1885.  
ED. L. GROVES, Notary Public.

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

Messrs. Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:

GENTLEMEN:—I have observed the Sudduth pear tree growing on Sudduth's farm, and also the five trees grafted from it by my grandfather and now growing on John W. Yocom's place. The trees are the largest pear trees I have ever seen and the most constant bearers. I have gathered the pears and found ready sale for them in the market. I consider them among the best pears I have ever eaten. We always esteem them highly for canning and preserving purposes. It is "par excellence."

Yours truly,

J. F. YOCOM.

Ate 5 bus. and never found a seed.

Largest trees and most constant bearers.

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:

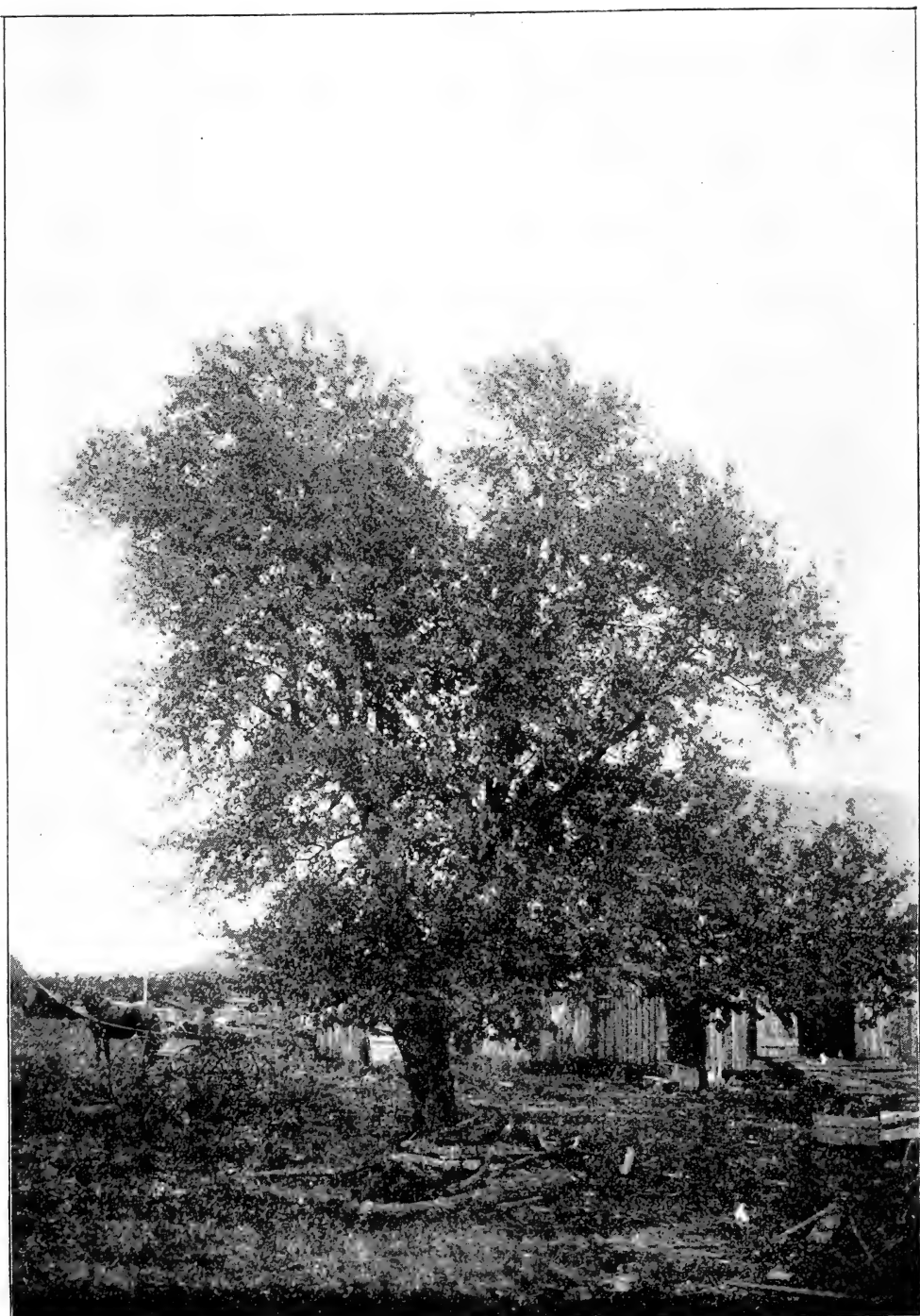
GENTLEMEN:—Mr. Thos. Constant came from Xenia, Ohio, in 1820 and brought with him the seed of a pear and planted the same on the farm he entered from the government, near Sherman, Illinois, from which the old Sudduth pear tree was grown. I afterwards became the daughter-in-law of Thos. Constant and have been familiar with the old pear tree, now seventy-four years old. I have known it all these years as a constant bearer and a very remarkable tree. I regard the pear as among the best, if not the very best, I have ever known and for cooking, canning, and pickling, it excels all others.

I have lived within one mile of the tree ever since it was planted and it has never blighted and has always been an annual bearer.

Respectfully yours,

MRS. MARY M. ELLIS.

Tree 74 years old and never blighted. An annual bearer.



**SUDDUTH PEAR TREE—58 Years Old.**

A Sudduth Pear tree, 58 years old, 9 feet in circumference, and 60 feet high, being one of five of the same age, growing on land owned by J. Y. Yocum, near Williamsville, Ill.



WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS, May 28, 1895.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—I have lived for 50 years within a few miles of the original Sudduth pear tree, planted by Thomas Constant, my father's uncle, on Mr. Titus Sudduth's farm near Williamsville, Ill., and can testify to the fact that the tree has been an annual as well as an abundant bearer during all these years, also that I have never seen any signs of blight or disease on the original tree nor on any of the other trees propagated from it. I regard the fruit of excellent quality.

50 years' acquaintance. Has borne annually. No blight. Excellent quality.

Yours truly,

W. S. CONSTANT.

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN: In reference to your recent letter of inquiry will say that Mr. Thomas Constant, who planted the original Sudduth pear tree, was my grandfather. I am 57 years old and have recollections of the old tree as far back as I can remember. I have always considered it a great treat to get pears off of the old tree, as I liked them better than any other pears I could get, except those on Mr. Ira Knight's place, which are grafts from the old Sudduth tree and planted by my Grandfather Stewart, on my mother's side, some fifty-four years ago.

Best pears I ever saw.

The trees are annual bearers and free from blight; the pears are the best I ever saw. I understand you are propagating the Sudduth and, if it is possible, I should like to get a few of the trees to plant out for myself.

Yours respectfully, W. F. CONSTANT.

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—I was born on the farm I now occupy and as far back as I can remember, about thirty-five years, the five trees grafted by my father from the old Sudduth tree in 1836, were in bearing. I have no recollection of either of the five trees ever failing to bear each year and usually they have been heavily loaded with fruit, in fact, frequently breaking the trees. The fruit has always been in demand and sought after at the highest price. I consider it one of the best varieties of pear I ever ate, and for canning, pickling, and preserving, there is none better

Fine trees. Loaded with fruit. Never failed to bear.

Yours truly,

JNO. W. YOCOM.

BRADFORDTON, ILLINOIS.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—In answer to your inquiry as to what I know about the Sudduth pear tree growing on the old Logan farm near Williamsville, will say that my grandfather, Stewart, settled on the farm three miles west of Williamsville in 1820. His farm almost joined the Judge Logan (Sudduth) farm where the Sudduth pear tree now stands. My grandfather lived there over fifty years and died in his ninety-fifth year. On this farm were growing and bearing two pear trees grafted from the old Sudduth tree by my uncle, Ellis. I remember that I ate pears off of these trees when I made my visits to my grand-

Ate Sudduth pears 40 years ago.

Original tree  
bore 50 bus.  
in 1855.

father's as much as forty years ago, and I remember very distinctly that when mother and we boys used to go to celebrate the anniversary of grandfather's birth, late in September, we boys would pay our first respects to the pear trees, and they never failed us either.

Best pear I  
know of. Send  
me 50 trees.

I first saw the original tree on the Judge Logan farm in 1855, and remember distinctly that the people said that it bore that year fifty bushels of pears. Grandfather's farm is now owned by my uncle, Ira Knights, and the two trees are still there, and although badly broken by over loads of fruit, yet they are still in a good, healthy condition and I cannot remember in forty years and over which I have known them, that they ever failed to bear a crop of fruit. The trees have been entirely free from blight and disease, and the fruit, in my judgment, is as good, or better, than any pear I ever knew and I want you to furnish me fifty trees just as soon as you can grow them.

I might write pages in praise of this wonderful pear, but let this suffice.

Very respectfully,

JAS. A. STONE,

Fruitgrower and Secy. Ill. State Bee-Keeper's Association.

Personally  
know those  
who have  
given testi-  
monials.

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—I am personally acquainted with John R. Jones, R. E. Gentry, Mrs. Mary M. Ellis, John W. Yocom, Ira Knights, Mrs. Troxana Knights, Titus Sudduth, W. F. Constant, and W. S. Constant, who have given testimonials in reference to the famous pear tree on the farm of Titus Sudduth, and other pear trees in the vicinity which have been grafted from this tree.

Their reputation  
for veracity is  
unquestioned.

Their reputation for veracity is unquestioned. They are all persons of excellent standing in this community, in regard to moral worth, and some of them also in a financial way. Have no reason to doubt any of the statements made by them, but on the other hand, can corroborate them in part from my own personal knowledge, especially in reference to the famous Sudduth tree, for when a boy, 37 years ago, I lived within a mile of this tree and can assure you that its fruit was much coveted by the people of the neighborhood and especially by the boys; to them it was "Forbidden fruit" in a great measure, for the tenant on the farm at this time had both dogs and guns and the tree was zealously guarded. Of the fruit of the other trees in the orchard we could eat, but of the fruit of this tree we were commanded not to eat, except by special permission.

Boys regarded  
it as "forbid-  
den fruit."

Had some of the fruit of this tree last season, by the courtesy of the present tenant, and it tasted just as good as it did thirty-seven years ago.

Yours truly,

W. L. PERCE,

(Cashier Williamsville Bank.)

Immense in size  
and widely  
known.

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

DEAR SIR:—Your favor of the 12th inst., to hand, and I am pleased to be able to look over so many interesting statements in regard to the Sudduth pear tree. I have seen the tree myself in company with

Mr. Sudduth. It is immense in size and is widely known in that part of the country.

It happens that I know the credibility of John R. Jones, Mrs. Mary M. Ellis, John W. Yocom, Ira Knights, J. F. Yocom, Stephen Yocom, and Mrs. Troxana S. Knights, of Williamsville, and Titus Sudduth, of Sherman, and James A. Stone of Bradfordton, W. F. Constant, and W. S. Constant, who have given testimonials in regard to the Sudduth pear, and they are of our very best citizens, their veracity and integrity are above reproach.

Reliability of statements.

I sincerely trust that the Sudduth pear will have the success it should have, the very best.

Yours very truly,

B. F. CALDWELL,

(State Senator, Pres. Farmers' National Bank, of Springfield.)

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—I take pleasure in saying that the parties who have given you testimonials regarding the good points in the Sudduth pear, living in and about Williamsville, are responsible, and further, that yourselves and the public can depend upon their statements which must be true to the most minute point.

Borne fruit every year.

Wishing you the greatest success with the Sudduth pear, I remain

Yours truly,

J. F. PRATHER.

President Williamsville Bank.

COBDEN, ILLINOIS.

*Messrs. Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—Regarding the Sudduth pear, I consider it a new variety, or if an old one, it is one unknown to me both in fruit and wood.

I learned the following facts by personal observation, measurement, and from conversation with Mr. Sudduth and others owning the land where the trees are growing, but who are entirely disinterested as far as the propagation of the trees is concerned.

Fruit exactly alike on every tree.

Mr. Sudduth told me that he was 65 years old and that the tree ante-dated him at least nine years, which would make the tree 74 years old. His first boyhood recollections were formed while living with relatives in a house a few yards from the tree, under whose branches the children played. He has never seen a blighted leaf on the tree. As far back as he can remember, it has borne fruit every year. He is confident that it has not failed to bear annually for the last forty years, considers the fruit of good quality, and exactly alike on all the trees, young and old. He has made repeated plantings of quite a number of standard varieties, but they are all dead and gone. The Sudduth survives them all. The "Old Tree," the one from which the cions were taken that propagated the others, Mr. Knights told me was grown from seed brought from Ohio by Thomas Constant, a relative of his wife. Mr. Constant planted it on the land he bought of the government, and sold to Lincoln's law-partner, Judge Stephen A. Logan, and by him sold to its present owner, Titus Sudduth, after

The Sudduth Survives them all.

Nearly as old as  
Illinois.

whom the pear is named. The seed was planted in 1820, making the tree 74 years old, or two years younger than the state of Illinois. The tree stands in row with old apple trees, as if part of an orchard. It is growing in rich, deep, black prairie soil. Mr. Knights and I measured it with a long tape-line, and found it to be ten feet in circumference four feet from the ground; a little higher, where the limbs start out to form the head, it measured fourteen feet.

Growing in black  
prairie soil.

The head of the tree is about eight feet high, and consists of six branches and one main stem. The smallest branch measures 3 feet, 4 inches around. The tree bore this year about thirty bushels of pears; this being an off year, it was not a full crop. It has borne eighty bushels in one season.

Smallest branch 3  
ft. 4 in. around.

Mr. Knights showed me two trees on his own farm that he knew to be 52 years old. One measured  $7\frac{1}{2}$  feet, 4 feet from the ground. We took a 16-foot water-spout, and by leaning it against the tree, estimated it to be 60 feet high. The tenant on the farm said that the tree bore from 25 to 30 bushels of good fruit the past season. Had known the trees for fifteen years and never knew them to fail.

Never fails.

On the farm of John W. Yocom is a row of five trees, set in the edge of an apple orchard. The trees varied in size from 8 feet, 7 inches, to 9 feet. Mr. Yocom told me that he was 40 years old, and that his father planted the trees before he could remember, in 1836 or '38, making them at least 56 years old. The fruit ripens in September, and this year the five trees bore at least 150 bushels. Had borne every year as far back as he could remember.

Five Grafted  
trees bore last  
year 150 bushels.

On the farm of John R. Jones there were formerly two trees; one was blown down four years ago. The remaining one is about 49 years old. Comparing it to Mr. Jones's house, standing a few feet away, we estimated the tree to be 60 feet high. He had owned the farm since 1860, and the tree had borne every year since. In Mr. Sudduth's garden are seven trees, said to be four years planted, one of which measures 1 foot, 2 inches, 1 foot above the ground, and 1 foot at 3 feet above, which was certainly a remarkable growth for that age.

6 year old tree 14  
inches around.

Several limbs had broken from the large trees years ago, and the stubs not having been removed as they should have been, are in a more or less advanced stage of decay. On the body of one of the small trees was a dark spot somewhat resembling blight, but possibly caused by accident. With this exception, I found no disease, decay, or blight on any of the trees.

I talked with five men who owned land on which the trees are now growing, or the tenants who cultivated the land and have a share in the fruit, all of whom stated that they had known the pear from fifteen to forty years, and all agreed on the following points, viz.:

To the great age of the trees, to their freedom from blight, their habit of annual bearing, and the good quality of the fruit.

I examined the trees December 15, 1894.

All agree as to great  
age, good quality,  
etc.

Respectfully,  
T. E. GOODRICH,  
President Illinois State Horticultural Society.

P. S.—Enclosed with this you will find some facts about the Sudduth pear. The paper is long, but I could not make it shorter with-



**SUDDUTH PEAR TREE — 30 Years Old.**

A Sudduth Pear tree, thirty years old, together with Mr. Stephen Yocum, of Williamsville, Ill., aged 84 years, who owns the tree, and grafted the same in 1864.

Most remarkable  
trees I know of.

out leaving out something of interest or something necessary to understand it. It is certainly the most remarkable lot of trees of which I have knowledge, and the most singular paper I have ever written, but it is written out from my note-book, from notes taken on the ground at the time.

T. E. G.

CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—I have had an opportunity to see and test the Sudduth pear. It is a fruit of peculiar shape, of medium size, with a thick, tough skin, which will make it an excellent pear to stand handling. It is seedless, almost coreless, and does not rot at the core. In quality, it would be classed as good to very good.

Seedless and Core-  
less.

G. W. MCCLUER,

Supt. of Hort. Experimental Station.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 27, 1895.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

DEAR SIR:—The matter of getting some Sudduth pear trees for my Belleflower farm, had about escaped my attention. I am too busy to look after the thing in person, and wish you would send one hundred and fifty of your largest and best trees to me at Belleflower, McLean county, Illinois. I concluded that this year I would put in about fifty on each farm, near the house, and hereafter set out a larger number.

Gen. McNulta hears  
so much of this  
pear, he wants  
150 trees.

While I know nothing personally about this pear, I have heard so much about it of late, and have known you so intimately and well, and having absolute confidence in the truthfulness of the representations made by you, there is not a shadow of a doubt in my mind but that this pear is all that it is represented by you and by Mr. Titus Sudduth to be, and must, it seems to me, soon become the leading fruit of its kind in the country. Very truly yours,

(GENERAL) JOHN MCNULTA,

Receiver Distillers' and Cattle Feeders' Association.

All trees visited  
show healthy  
vigor and vitality.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

DEAR SIR:—I am greatly obliged to you for having called my attention last fall to that remarkable seedling pear tree found growing in your state, near Springfield.

As director of the experiment stations established by the Iowa State Horticultural Society, I have been constantly on the look-out for old and new fruits that seemed promising for trial at our stations, and especially for a pear tree that is perfectly adapted to our prairie soil and climate. Having just returned from a special visit to that wonderful seedling pear tree now named and known as "The Sudduth Pear," and from the evidence of the tree and from information concerning it there obtained, I believe the great desideratum has at last been found. After seeing the original tree and interviewing Mr. Sudduth, on whose land the tree is growing, and other persons in the vicinity, I found that the statements concerning it as to origin, age, bearing, etc., were fully corroborated. I not only visited the original

Found the tree  
we've been look-  
ing for.

tree, but others within a radius of six miles that had been propagated by grafts, ranging in age from six to fifty-eight years, all showing the same characteristics of health, vigor, vitality, and general appearance.

Not the slightest  
trace of blight.

I was especially particular to notice as to any signs of blight, but failed to detect the slightest trace of it on any of the trees, old or young.

This fact, to me, is one of the most valuable and important items of merit in a pear tree, freedom from the greatest curse and bane to pear culture--blight. If the quality of the fruit is as represented, this pear will be a valuable acquisition to western horticulture. I hope it will be disseminated as speedily as possible and given a trial throughout the west. I shall want some of the trees for our trial stations.

Yours truly,

G. B. BRACKETT.

[Col. Brackett was late secretary, and now vice-president of the American Pomological Society; was also superintendent of Horticulture Department at the New Orleans Exposition, and chief of the Pomological Department at the Centennial Exposition; was commissioner to the Paris Exposition in 1878, and superintendent of the U. S. Pomological division of the Department of Agriculture at the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, and judge in the Department of Horticulture.]

I have known Capt. Henry Augustine, of Augustine & Co., nurserymen, Normal, Ill., for ten years, and am pleased to say that I consider him one of the best posted and most reliable propagators and growers of nursery stock in this country, and believe the firm is worthy the confidence of the people.

I believe the Sudduth pear which they control, has great merit, and is all it is claimed to be.

M. H. HAMILTON,

Cashier First National Bank, Normal, Ill.

I fully concur in the above statement and consider Capt. Henry Augustine the best posted in fruit propagating of any person in this country.

J. W. ALDRICH,

President First National Bank, Normal, Ill.

CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS.

The nursery business, above all others, requires for its management, thorough reliability of character, and excellent business tact, combined with a full knowledge of the specialty. I believe these qualifications are possessed by Mr. H. Augustine, of Normal, Ill., in an unusual degree among those who successfully follow the business. I trust what he says.

T. J. BURRILL,

Professor of Botany and Horticulture, University of Illinois.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.

Capt. H. Augustine is one of the most prominent horticulturists of this state, and his labors in connection with improving the quality of the various fruits grown in this state, have been of incalculable value. He is a gentleman of high character and has the confidence of all who know him.

JOHN P. ALTGELD,

Governor State of Illinois.



### A SUDDUTH PEAR TREE

In our experimental grounds, grafted by us early in the spring of 1889, being transplanted from the nursery in 1891. In the years 1893 and 1894 it bore fruit, and this spring, 1895, promises a good crop, just coming out in bloom. 14 inches in circumference and 19 feet high.



CORNING, IOWA.

*To Whom it May Concern:*

This is to certify that I am personally acquainted with Capt. Henry Augustine the senior member of the firm of Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill., and know him to be a man of honesty and integrity.

Capt. Augustine was with the Illinois Horticultural Exhibit at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, where he proved himself to be a practical business man. The Illinois and Iowa Horticultural exhibits were side by side, where for several months we were associated together.

Augustine & Co. are now introducing the celebrated Sudduth Pear, and I fully believe that they are introducing a meritorious fruit, and anything that is sent out under their seal will prove true to name.

A. F. COLLMAN,

President Iowa State Horticultural Society.

ATLANTIC, IOWA.

*Friend Augustine:*

DEAR SIR:—The Sudduth Pears were received several days ago, and the quality thoroughly tested by myself and others. We consider it a very good pear in quality and from what you say of the tree, it certainly has a great future.

Yours truly,

(HON.) SILAS WILSON.

BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS.

I have known Capt. H. Augustine, of the firm of Augustine & Co., nurserymen, of Normal, Ill., for twenty years and take pleasure in endorsing the firm as entirely worthy of the confidence of the public and believe in their method of disseminating this new fruit, the Sudduth pear, by the use of a seal.

VINTON E. HOWELL,

President Corn Belt Bank.

WARSAW, ILLINOIS.

*H. Augustine of Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

DEAR FRIEND:—Your Sudduth Pear is what interests me. I think this pear is one of the greatest acquisitions recently brought to light among fruits. Only to think of its wonderful history, seventy-four years of healthy, vigorous life, but of uniform productiveness, and prolific to a degree probably never before reached by any known pear.

I think your enterprise in bringing this pear to the attention of the fruit growing world, is deserving of all praise, and if its quality is as good as I am inclined to suppose, then indeed you have grounds to be justly proud. Hastily but truly yours,

JAMES T. JOHNSON,

President Central Illinois Horticultural Society.

Up  
to Date!  
The late  
freeze  
of  
May 13,  
1895,  
didn't  
effect  
the  
Sudduth  
Pear.  
Most  
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of all.  
Read  
and be  
con-  
vinced!

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILL., May 20, 1895.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

DEAR SIRs:—Your favor of the 17th at hand, inquiring how the Sudduth Pear went through the freeze. You need give yourself no fears in regard to the Sudduth Pears here. I was down to our farm yesterday afternoon and was looking at our tree and it's just loaded, in fact too full. My son-in-law says it will be good for forty bushels at least. It shows no sign of the frost. Yours truly,

J. R. JONES.

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILL., May 20, 1895.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN: In reply to yours of the 17th inst., inquiring about the effect of the freeze on the Sudduth pears will say, I have just been out to see the old Sudduth pear tree and I find it is all right and that the fruit is not injured by the freeze. The pears are already quite large and the tree is very full.

Small fruit almost entirely destroyed by the freeze and apples badly hurt. My Keiffer pears are all destroyed and dropping off.

Yours very truly,

IRA KNIGHTS.

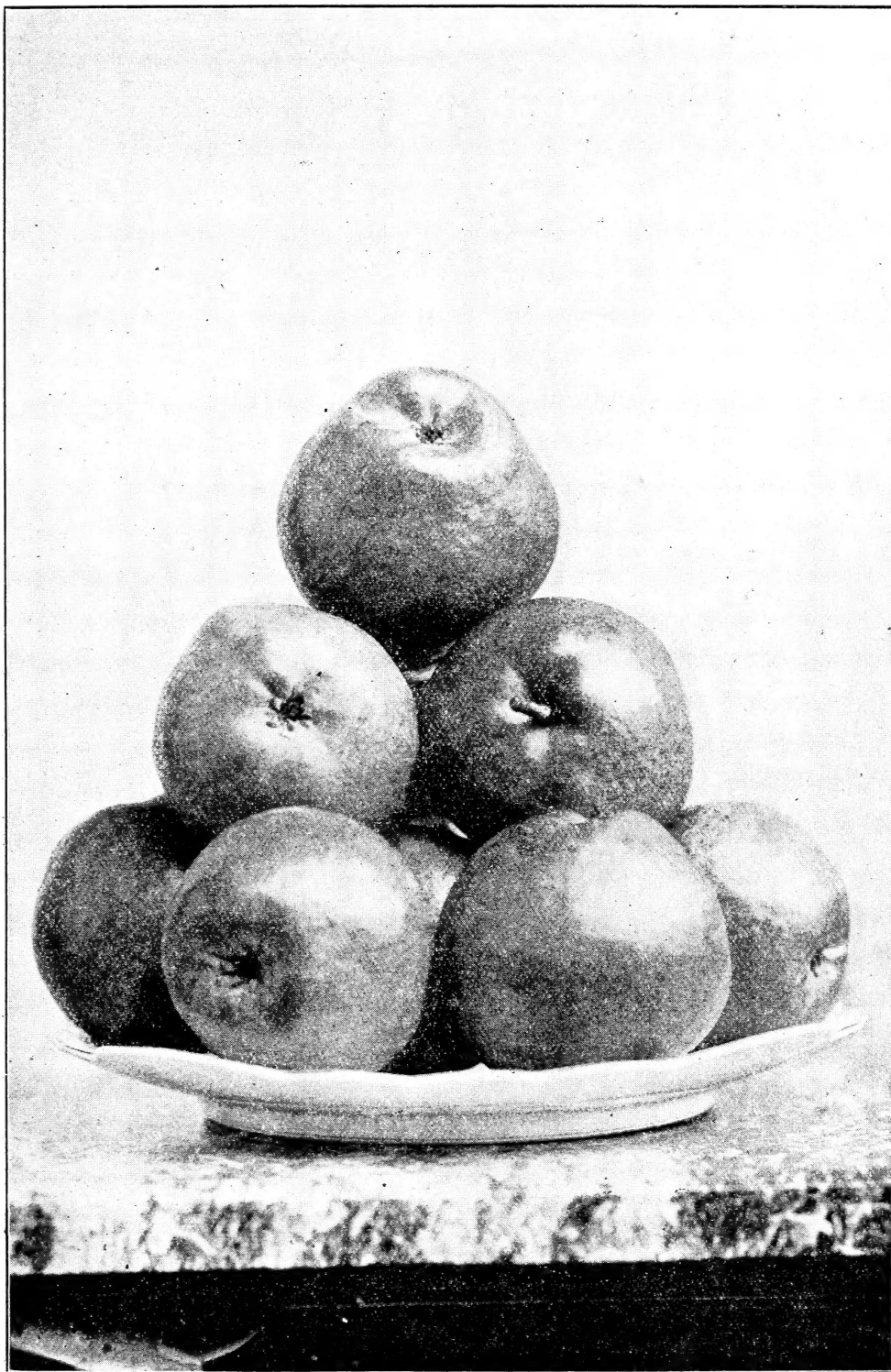
#### **HARDINESS OF THE SUDDUTH PEAR.**

The recent freeze in this vicinity was the most severe experienced in many years. The apples, cherries, and pears fell a victim to the frost, and fruit here will be almost a total failure. Many pears which apparently had survived are found upon investigation to be entirely dead at the core and will never ripen. A *Pantagraph* reporter yesterday made a tour of inspection and found that the Sudduth pear is the only one that has survived. He saw a Sudduth pear tree on which the fruit was just as sound and hearty as could be desired while the fruit on trees of other varieties was completely killed. Even the Jenneting, a hardy apple, succumbed to the frost.

The cold snap demonstrated that the Sudduth pear can stand a lower degree of coldness than any other and those who are possessed of these trees will be eating the fruit this year as if nothing had happened.—*Bloomington, Ill., Pantagraph, May 24, 1894.*

#### **SOMETHING NEW IN PEARS.**

In the midst of so many complaints of fruit ruined by frost, it is a pleasure to find one variety, especially a pear, able to stand the severe cold snaps of this spring. Of all pears in this locality, it seems that the Sudduth pear alone withstood the ordeal unscathed. An *Advocate* man in examining all the specimens of pear that he could find this week found, on cutting them open, that they were badly injured from the frost and rotten at the core, even most of the apples were affected the same way, but the Sudduth pear was healthy, clean, and fresh as before the frost. This is one of the many excellent qualities of the Sudduth pear. Augustine & Co., of this city have control of the Sudduth, and certainly cannot help but feel highly elated over the remarkable test it has recently received and passed through successfully.—*Normal, Ill., Advocate, June 1st, 1895.*

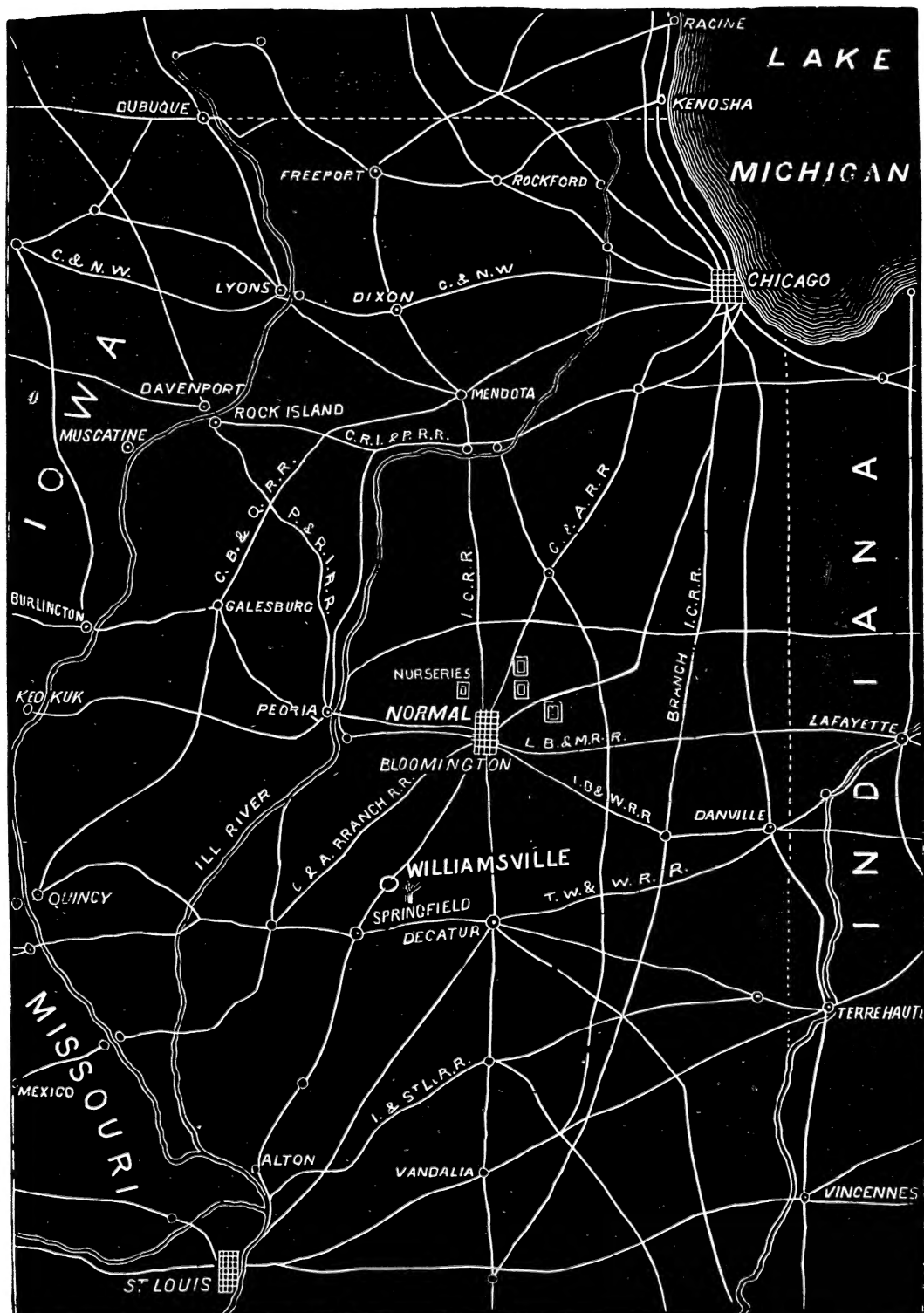


**SUDDUTH PEARS—One-Third Natural Size.**

Plate of Sudduth Pears, photographed in the fall of 1894, reduced to one-third natural size, showing the peculiar formation of the fruit.

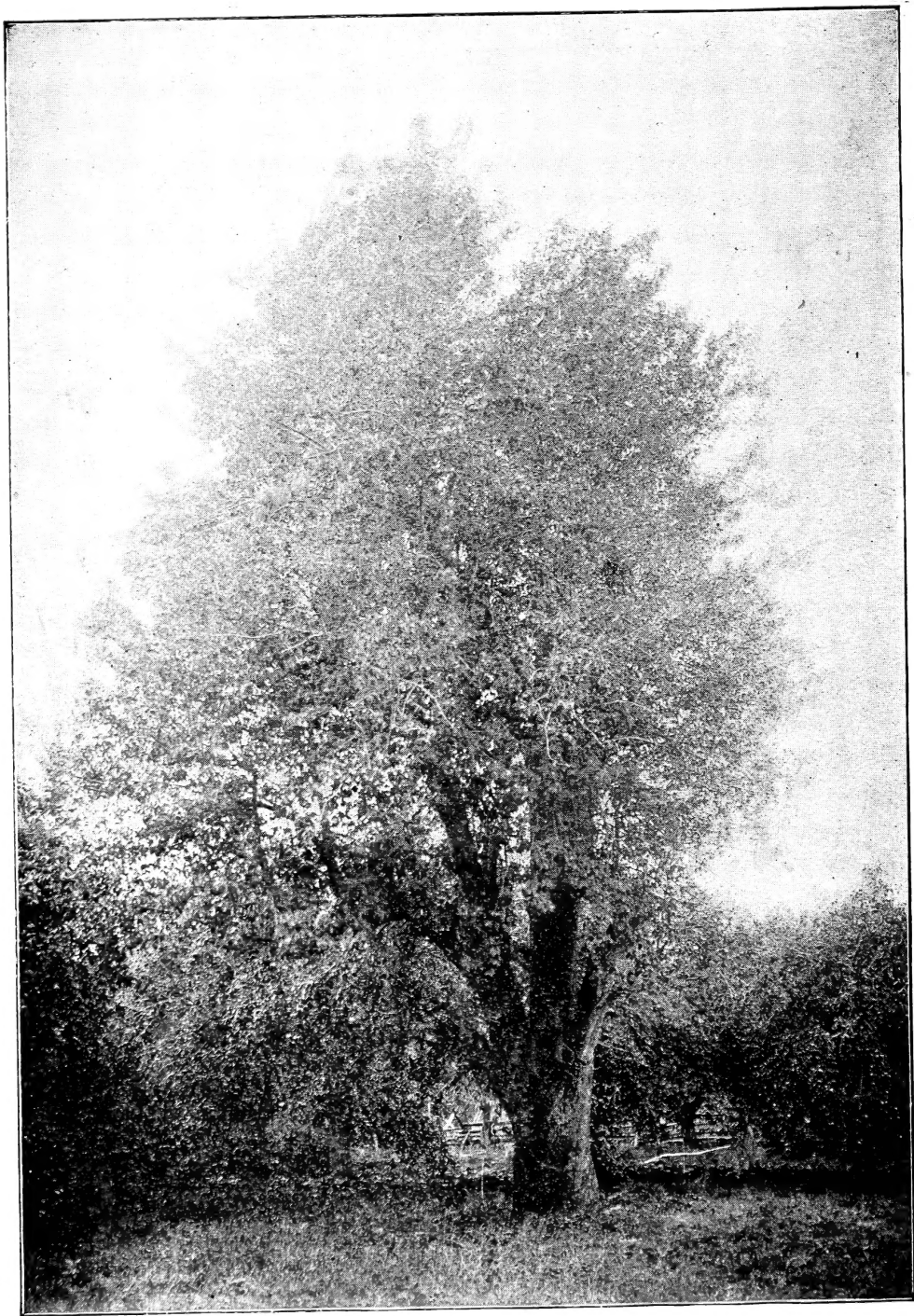
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